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CIRCULAR

Concerning the Preparatory Work Required for Admission to the Regular Collegiate Courses of the University. For the Especial Convenience of Superintendents and High School Principals.

1891.

PREPARATORY WORK REQUIRED FOR THE VARIOUS UNIVERSITY COURSES.

The University of Kansas offers six regular courses in its Departments of the Sciences, the Literatures, and the Arts, viz.: a Classical Course, in which Greek and Latin are the foreign languages pursued; a Latin Scientific, taking up Latin and German; a General Scientific, German and French; a Modern Literature, German and French; a Latin-English, Latin and English; and a General Language, any two of French, German, and Greek.

ADMISSION.

Every person who applies for admission to the University as a candidate for the Bachelor's degree is required to have been examined in all of the following prescribed subjects,* and further, in the subjects of at least one of six general courses to be mentioned thereafter. An applicant may be admitted in spite of deficiencies in some of these subjects, provided the deficiencies are not sufficient to disqualify him for the work of the Freshman year, or provided he has done work other than the required work, but in the same general line, sufficient to be considered by the Faculty a fair temporary equivalent for the required work. But no candidate who has been thus admitted will receive the Bachelor's degree until he has made good his deficiencies to the satisfaction of the Faculty; or, if he has offered temporary equivalents, until he has made up, besides these equivalents, the subjects required. Excellent work after entrance, in the subject in which condition has been received, may at the discretion of the Faculty, remove such condition.

Prescribed Subjects.

ALL COURSES.

1. *English.* The candidate will be required to write a short English composition—correct in spelling, punctuation, grammar, expression, and division by paragraphs—upon one of several subjects announced at the time of the examination.

In 1891, the subjects will be taken from the following works; Shakspeare's *Macbeth* and *As You Like It*; Charles Dickens's *Tale of Two Cities*; Longfellow's *Evangeline*; Scott's *Marmion*; Hawthorne's *Wonderbook*.

* Hereafter it will be taken for granted that an applicant for admission to the Freshman class has completed such elementary work as Arithmetic, Descriptive Geography, English Grammar, and United States History.

The candidate will also be required to correct specimens of ungrammatical and ill-constructed sentences set for him at the time of examination.

That teachers may arrange their work ahead to meet the requirements in English, a list of works, to be used in several years as sources for subjects, is given. Hereafter, High-School certificates in English will be accepted only on the understanding that these works have all been read.

For 1892: Shakspeare's *Merchant of Venice* and *Midsummer Night's Dream*; Scott's *Lady of the Lake*, George Eliot's *Mill on the Floss*.

For 1893: Shakspeare's *Merchant of Venice* and *Julius Cæsar*; Miss Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*; Thackeray's *English Humorists*.

For 1894: Shakspeare's *Macbeth* and *Twelfth Night*; Scott's *Marmion*; Lowell's *Vision of Sir Launfal*; Johnson's *Rasselas*; Scott's *Ivanhoe*.

2. *Geography*. A general knowledge of the *Elements of Physical Geography*.

3. *Outlines of History*. Myers's *General History*, or its equivalent.

4. *Science of Government*. Canfield's *Local Government in Kansas*, or its equivalent; Townsend's *Civil Government*, or its equivalent.

5. *Algebra*, through simple and quadratic equations, proportion, and arithmetical and geometrical progressions.

6. *Geometry*. The first six books of Wentworth's *Plane and Solid Geometry*, or their equivalent.

7. *Physics*. Gage's *Elements of Physics*, or its equivalent.

8. *Drawing*. Outline drawing and shading from the flat; the drawing of simple objects.

General Scientific Course.

1. *German*. The translation at sight of easy German prose, and the writing of simple German sentences. The following will indicate the general amount of work required: Otis's *German Grammar*; Rosentengel's *German Reader*; Der Zerbrochene Krug; twenty dictation exercises.* Three terms.

2. *French*. The translation at sight of easy French prose, and the writing of simple French sentences. The following will indicate the amount of work necessary: Otto's *French Grammar*, Part I; Rougemont's *La France*; La Combe's *Petite Histoire du Peuple Français*; twenty dictation exercises. Two terms.

3. *Latin*. Same as in Modern Literature course, but an equal amount of any other foreign language or of mathematics or of science, not required for entrance, may be offered instead of Latin.

Latin Scientific Course.

1. *Latin*. (1) Cæsar's *Gallie War*, four books; Cicero's *Orations* against Catiline, the oration for Marcellus, and the oration for the Poet Archias; Virgil's *Æneid*, five books, with questions on the subject-

* For details, see University Bulletin No. 7, which will be sent on application.

matter, grammar and prosody. (2) The translation into Latin of simple sentences founded upon Cæsar and Cicero.

2. *German*. The same as in the General Scientific Course. An equal amount of French or Greek may be offered instead of German.

Classical Course.

1. *Latin*. The same as in the Latin Scientific Course.

2. *Greek*. White's First Lessons in Greek; Xenophon's Anabasis, two books; or their equivalents. Or,

The translation at sight of simple Attic prose, with questions on the usual forms and ordinary constructions.

An equal amount of German or French, or German and French, may be offered for Greek, in which case Greek may be begun in the Freshman year.

Modern Literature Course.

1. *Latin*. The same as in the Latin Scientific Course, except Cicero and Virgil, which are not required for this course.

2. *German*. The same as in General Scientific Course. Equal amounts of Greek or French, or of Greek and French, may be offered for German.

3. *French*. The same as in General Scientific Course. Equal amounts of Greek, or of Greek and German, may be offered for French.

Latin-English and General Language Courses.

1. *Latin*. Latin Grammar and Reader; Cæsar, four books; Cicero, six orations; Virgil, five books.

2. *English*. Lockwood's Lessons. Reading of the seven classics suggested in Lockwood's course. A. S. Hill's Rhetoric, Book I; Lounsbury's English Language, Part I. Reading of ten additional classics.*

The nature of the preparatory work required for admission to the Latin-English and General Language Courses is fully set out in a circular entitled "Suggestions Concerning the Requirements for Admission to the Latin-English, and to the General Language Course," which will be sent on application.

A knowledge of Descriptive Geography is presumed to have been acquired by the pupil before entering the High School. One-half of a school year should be devoted to Physical Geography.

In Mathematics, High Schools should carry students quite through Arithmetical and Geometrical Progressions in Algebra, and should do as much in Geometry as is represented by the first six books of Wentworth's Plane and Solid Geometry.

One-half year should be given to the Elementary Physics required. Each High School should endeavor to equip itself with the necessary Physical Apparatus suitable to be used with an elementary text, such as Gage's Elements.

*For details see University Bulletin, "Suggestions Concerning the Requirements in English," which will be sent on application.

Drawing, to the amount of one hour a day for one year (this amount might more conveniently be spread over the whole High School course) is required. This drawing includes outline drawing and shading from the flat, and the drawing of simple objects. Charcoal was used in the University when the preparatory drawing was given.

The work in languages is explained in the list of requirements as given above. Bulletin No. 7, offering recommendations for the teaching of the required German, should be obtained wherever it is expected to teach German. In Latin, the fifteen books required need not necessarily be divided as suggested. For example: more books of Cæsar and fewer of Virgil or Cicero (each oration counting as a book) might be given. The Latin required in the Latin Scientific, Classical, Latin-English, and General Language courses, is equal to about three years' work; that required in the General Scientific and Modern Literature courses to about one and one-half years' work. The Greek required in the Classical course demands about two years' work. It will be noted that a considerable latitude in language substitution is allowed, and that in the General Scientific course, work in science may be substituted for Latin.

Admission by Certificate.

I. By authority of the Board of Regents, the Faculty will admit students into the Freshman Class in any prescribed course of the University, upon the certificate of any president, superintendent or principal of any college, academy, or other incorporated institution of learning, or of any high school, showing that such students have completed all the preparatory prescribed studies as laid down in the University Catalogue.

II. Students who present certificates in accordance with the above regulations, showing that they have completed all the required preparatory studies except three terms'* work, will be admitted with conditions without examination. Excellent work after entrance, in the subject in which the conditions have been received, may, at the discretion of the Faculty, remove such conditions.

III. Candidates for admission who do not present certificates in accordance with the above regulations will not be received into the University without examination.

By rule II, a student may be admitted to the Freshman class conditioned in not more than three terms' work. For example, if a student were fully prepared in all the required studies for admission to the Latin Scientific course, except in Latin, and in this branch he had done but one-half the required work (one and one-half years' work instead of three years' work) he could yet be admitted to the Freshman class, but would be required to remove the condition before graduation. In cases of this kind the back work may conveniently be made up at the Lawrence High School.

Forty-two Kansas high schools are accredited with fully preparing their graduates for one or more of the University courses; and thirty-

*A University term is one-half the school year.

four (including many in the first class) prepare their students in all but three terms' work for one or more of the University courses.

Any high-school principal who believes that his school is doing work sufficient to warrant its being placed in one or the other of the lists of accredited schools, is cordially invited to submit a carefully made out statement of the work being done to the Chancellor of the University. The Chancellor will be glad to correspond with high-school principals or superintendents intending to revise their high-school courses.

For catalogues, bulletins, circulars, or special information concerning the University, address,

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